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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAM: SPRING 76 OPENIG FOR  
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1. CIES INFORMS US THAT AS A RESULT OF E. B. SMITH'S  
FULBRIGHT LECTURER APPOINTMENT AT MGU, SEVERAL WASHINGTON,  
DC UNIVERSITIES ARE REQUESTING YURI STEPANOVICH KUKUSHKIN,  
CHAIRMAN, MGU HISTORY DEPT, AS LECTURER IN SPRING 77. U OF  
MARYLAND, IN COOPERATION WITH GEORGETOWN U, GEORGE  
WASHINGTON U AND AMERICAN U WANT KUKUSHKIN TO LECTURE ON  
"FORMATION OF THE USSR" (SUBJECT TAKEN FROM KUKUSHKIN'S  
RESUME) FROM JANUARY 7 TO MAY 12 1977.

2. COURSE TO UE CONDUCTED AT U OF MARYLAND IN RUSSIAN BUT  
KUKUSHKIN SHOULD BE PREPARED ANSWER QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH  
(FORMAT AGREED UPO IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN KUKUSHKIN AND  
E. B. SMITH). U OF MARYLAD EXPECTS ENROLLMENT OF  
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APPROXIMATELY 30 STUDENTS DRAWN FROM PARTICIPATING

UNIVERSITIES AND RANGING FROM JUNIOR YEAR TO GRADUATE SCHOOL LEVEL.

3. SINCE KUKUSHKIN ALSO VICE CHAIRMAN OF ALL UNION COMMITTEE

OF SOVIET HISTORIANS, HE COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROMOTING LECTURER PROGRAM AND USEFUL CONTACT FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

4. U OF MARYLAND EMPHASIZES KUKUSHKIN MUST BE PREPARED LECTURE ENTIRE SPRING SEMESTER. KENNAN INSTITUTE HAS ALSO INVITED KUKUSHKIN TO APPLY FOR TWO-MONTH KENNAN FELLOWSHIP IN SPRING 77. IN EVENT KUKUSHKIN UNABLE SPEND ENTIRE SEMESTER AS FULBRIGHT LECTURER, HE COULD APPLY TO BE KENNAN FELLOW FOR SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, SUGGEST EMBASSY ENCOURAGE KUKUSHKIN TO VISIT U.S. AS FULBRIGHT LECTURER IN ORDER PROMOTE THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND RESPOND TO SOVIET (SIVACHEV) DESIRES EXPRESSED REFTEL TO HAVE MORE SOVIET HISTORIANS LECTURE AT US UNIVERSITIES. FYI IN EVENT KUKUSHKIN OPTS FOR KENNAN FELLOWSHIP, CIES AND KENNAN INSTITUTE WILL JOINTLY SPONSOR SIVACHEV'S VISIT AND WILL INCORPORATE A PROGRAM OF LECTURES AT AREA UNIVERSITIES INTO HIS PROGRAM HERE. REQUEST EMBASSY NOT ADVISE SOVIETS OF THIS POSITION UNLESS KUKUSHKIN DEFINITELY DECIDES AGAINST SPRING 77 FULBRIGHT LECTURER POSITION.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE KUKUSHKIN AND MHE OF LECTURER OPENING DESCRIBED PARAS 1 AND 2. U OF MARYLAND ALSO WRITING KUKUSHKIN DIRECTLY. WILL FORWARD REQUIRED PAPERS WHEN AVAILABLE.

6. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON FULBRIGHT LECTURER EXCHANGE PROGRAM. HABIB

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